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General

Showers and Thunderstorms were scattered throughout the state last week. A front arrived the middle of last week bringing showers and cooler night-time temperatures. The week ended with warm, clear conditions. Rains limited the amount of field work performed last week. There were 3.0 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 0% very short, 3% short, 60% adequate and 37% surplus.

Crops

Corn emergence was complete last week. The crop remained in mostly good condition. Soybean planting slowed down due to recent rains with 40% of the crop planted. Sorghum planting was 68% complete with nearly half of the crop emerged. Cotton planting was 89% complete with emergence at 82%. Rice planting was nearing completion with crop emergence at 91%. Winter Wheat completed its heading stage with the crop in mostly good condition.

Livestock

Livestock were in good condition. Pastures and hay crops showed increased growth with the recent rains. Conditions on those crops were fair to mostly good. Farmers needing to harvest that first cutting of hay were waiting for better hay curing conditions.

Percent of Progress

| Crop | Stage | Current Week | Previous Week | 2005 | 5 Year Avg |
|----------|---------|--------------|---------------|------|------------|
| Corn | Emerged | 100 | 98 | 87 | 95 |
| Cotton | Planted | 70 | 62 | 74 | 69 |
| | Emerged | 48 | n/a | 33 | 43 |
| Rice | Planted | 95 | 94 | 92 | 92 |
| | Emerged | 91 | 85 | 65 | 77 |
| Sorghum | Planted | 89 | 82 | 83 | 85 |
| | Emerged | 82 | 70 | 62 | 72 |
| Soybeans | Planted | 40 | 38 | 56 | 42 |
| | Emerged | 35 | 29 | 34 | 28 |
| Wheat | Headed | 100 | 99 | 97 | 98 |

Condition in Percentages

| Crop | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Corn | 0 | 1 | 25 | 52 | 22 |
| Rice | 3 | 4 | 25 | 52 | 16 |
| Wheat | 0 | 5 | 19 | 51 | 25 |
| Hay-Other | 1 | 4 | 39 | 52 | 4 |
| Hay-Alfalfa | 0 | 0 | 71 | 29 | 0 |
| Pasture & Range | 1 | 7 | 38 | 46 | 8 |

